

May 25, 2023



Dear New 4th Grader,

Welcome to Home Community **2012**! It is the room adjacent to 2010 at the top of the middle staircase. We (the teachers, 5th graders, and 6th graders) are excited that you are joining us and look forward to getting to know you. We know it's hard to go from being leaders in your 6-9 classrooms, where you knew everyone, to being the youngest in this new environment, where you may not know anyone. But don't worry, we are very friendly! When school gets started in the fall, we will make sure that you feel connected and supported by our community.

What is a "Home Community" anyway?

Room 2012 will be your base for the next three years. This is where you'll start and end your day. This is where you'll keep all of your gear. You will sit with the students in this class at lunch and play with them at recess. (Although obviously you're also welcome to play with other students who have recess at the same time. We also have a couple of days each month where we stay together all day to catch up on work, build community, and take field trips. **Ms. Megan and I will be your Math and Social Studies teachers. Your ELA and Science teachers will be Mrs. Tiffany and Ms. B.**

Do I have any homework over the summer?

Yes. All of the students in the 9-12 program are asked to read at least one novels. You will use the novel for a project during the first two weeks of school, please bring your book in with you on the first day. I highly recommend you practice all your math facts from 0-12 with the goal of mastery this summer too. You may continue doing your i-Ready my path until July 10th and Zearn after that. If you love math you can do a real-world math project (these three things are all optional and will be given extra credit when you return in August).

Please understand you have joined a community of scholars. When you come back to school, we will want to know what you read over the summer and whether you would recommend we read the same books, comic, or magazines. We are also a group of writers. If you like to make up stories or record your dreams or keep a journal or draw comics or write down funny things people say, we'll want to know all about that! We also want to know how you used math in everyday life and how you stayed connected to current events, explored the past and made meaningful connections to the landscape around you!

What school supplies will I need and when should I bring them?

You are going to need some very important items to be successful. There is a list on the yellow colored paper in this packet. Please try to have your personal supplies ready by the second day of school. You can bring your supplies anytime during the first three days of school. You may also want to bring in a healthy snack, we have the late lunch time.

How can I get in touch with you if I have questions?

If you have questions or concerns, I can be reached at cummint@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. I will check my school email periodically over the summer.

Speaking of summer, we hope you truly enjoy yours and look forward to seeing you again in August!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cummings and Ms. Megan